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## Cabinet Plan Is Liked by Voters In Westchester

New Governmental Form in County, as Suggested by Committee, Finds Favor in Advance of a Hearing

Politicians to Lose Jobs

Change From Haphazard, Inefficient System Is Considered Viciously Important

The tentative report of a special committee of the new Westchester County government, consisting of a new charter for Westchester County under a "cabinet" form of government, with one commissioner, created widespread interest throughout the county yesterday. So far as could be learned there appeared to be little objection to the plan. The commission will hold a public meeting on October 2 to discuss it and receive reports from sub-committees.

There has been much objection to any plan transforming Westchester County into a "City of Westchester," and since this scheme has been widely tracked, the new charter idea seems to be looked upon with favor.

Politicians interested in the change of governmental policy in Westchester are attending either the Republican state convention at Albany or the Democratic convention at Syracuse, and it was impossible yesterday to get their views. It is known, however, that several of the Republican officeholders who will be legislated out of office if the new charter should be adopted do not look with favor on the plan, but they at once concede that a change in the antiquated form of county government needs improvement, with a centralized head.

The report of the committee on form of government, which was signed by former Mayor William G. Wallin, of Yonkers; Daniel P. Hays, of Pleasantville; and L. Ogden Thompson, of Palmyra Manor, contains, in addition to the new form of constitution for the county, many facts concerning the history of Westchester.

It states that Westchester County dates back to November, 1683, when it was created as one of the twelve counties into which the Province of New York was divided. Then the report says:

"Westchester County remained a rural county until less than fifty years ago, and the Board of Supervisors performed well, on the whole, the few and comparatively simple duties imposed upon it. Westchester County is no longer a rural county, with its four cities, its eighteen towns and twenty-three villages. It is no longer simply a convenient administrative unit of the state, existing almost exclusively as a state agency."

"A so-called 'county consciousness' is pressing the county to take over governmental duties wherever the smaller sub-divisions cannot or do not function well or adequately."

"We have reached a point where the laws affecting the county are a maze through which only a few specialists can guide one. The fault clearly has been in the system of law under which the county was governed. Means were not provided and could not be had to unite and co-ordinate and guide the operations of the county government—a helpless, sprawling organization without a head."

Then the recommendations in addition to those already printed were:

"That executive and administrative powers and responsibilities should be centralized."

"That the election of the county governing officials should be in an odd-numbered year, to permit the decision on local issues and the choice of county officials to be made when partisan strife runs less high over national and state issues than in other years."

"That as little change as necessary should now be made in local representation of the cities and towns in the county government."

The County Commissioner, if the plan is approved by the voters, will be at the head of a cabinet, a cabinet in which there will be four other officials. He will maintain control through the appointment of two subordinates, who will be technical experts, an engineer and a county attorney. The two other members of the commission, board or cabinet will be a chief financial officer and a supervisor-at-large, both elected by the people. Supervisors representing two and a half units at present will constitute a legislative body.

**Beveridge Says Boom In Business Draws Near**

Result of Harding Policies, He Declares, Opening His Senate Campaign

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Sept. 26.—Albert J. Beveridge, Republican nominee for United States Senator from Indiana, opening his campaign here tonight declared that President Harding and his administration had given the country a "boom" in business, and that the conditions that had existed in the country had been such progress that even now prosperity does not seem to be in the air.

The burdens and conditions brought on the country, Mr. Beveridge said, dated back to 1914 when the world was normal. He suggested that the Wilson Administration had so restricted American industry and so exposed it to foreign raids that millions of workers were idle and the country was on the brink of a panic which was averted by the war shutting off foreign imports. With the war over, Mr. Beveridge continued, after a "hectic" period of false prosperity, the conditions made possible by Democratic laws returned and relief was delayed until the Harding Administration brought it.

**Woman Starts Campaign For U. S. Senate on \$30**

Thirty dollars and a prayer were the assets with which Mrs. Anna D. Olsen, of Cloquet, Minn., Democratic nominee for the United States Senate, started her campaign for the Senate seat in Minnesota.

## All Up to Murphy, Says Connors, at Syracuse

From a Staff Correspondent

SYRACUSE, Sept. 26.—William J. ("Fing") Connors, of Buffalo, generalissimo of the Hearst forces, arrived here late last night.

"How does the situation size up?" Connors was asked.

"It is all in the hands of Murphy," said he. "We have more up-to-date delegates than we are credited with having. We have the McCooley delegation in Kings and Connolly will swing Queens to us, and we are sure of Richmond. What Manhattan and the Bronx will do depends on Murphy."

## Lyons Will Fight; Koenig Men With Him

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hold, all friends of the Attorney General.

Lyons Stands Fast

After the Lyons conference ended it was learned that the Secretary of State was defiant in the conference room.

"It makes no difference how you try to discipline me," said he. "I am going through with this thing to the finish, and it makes no difference whether I fail to get the solid vote of New York County or not. I will go through with it if I have only one Assembly District, and I will go through with it if I haven't more than a single vote."

Prior to sending for the Secretary of State the twenty-four conferees canvassed the situation. Each one in turn was asked if Lyons stood to get any vote from the particular section represented by the conferee and each in turn replied that the belligerent Secretary of State would fail to get any votes.

The friends of Mr. Lyons suggested to the conference that the Secretary of State would retire from the race if he could be appointed Collector of the Port. The proposal was laughed at. The Miller men to-night following the conference said that further conferences with Mr. Lyons were left in the hands of Mr. Koenig and Colonel Hayward.

**Newton Unmoved By Conference**

The Newton conference, attended by about thirty leaders broke up at 12:15 o'clock. The Attorney General said:

"I have been listening to arguments and suggestions from my political friends. The situation is unchanged. I will make no decision with reference to retiring from the contest in the convention until to-morrow."

Some of the leading conferees in the conference said:

"The Attorney General is out of the running. His name will not be presented in the convention."

Senator Wadsworth and Charles D. Hilles spent two hours with the Governor in an effort to get his views on the composition of the convention ticket. Senator Wadsworth was especially solicitous about having Attorney General Newton renominated, and it is understood that the Governor so. The Governor repeated what he has been saying all along—namely, that he was not anxious to continue in office unless he could feel assured from the composition of the state ticket that his inaugurated policies would receive the fullest possible support. Later the Governor reiterated to the newspaper men that his position as stated on Monday was unalterable, although, he added, he does not propose to interfere with the work of the convention.

**William H. Anderson Active**

William H. Anderson, head of the state Anti-Saloon League, is here as a spectator, and the beer and light wine people are here doing missionary work. Mr. Anderson called on the Governor. The New York state division of the Association Against the Prohibition Amendment, of which Stuyvesant Fish is treasurer, sent a delegation of women to Albany today, and they distributed thousands of circulars. Former Senator Martin Saxe said today that "if good opportunity offers he will present a beer and wine plank to the committee on resolutions, but he added that he did not think one would offer."

"The Anti-Saloon League," said Mr. Anderson, "favors the transaction of the convention. It has no candidates for any position, and it is not opposed to any candidate for state office. We have no request, whatever to make respecting a platform declaration. If any is adopted, it will be voluntary and spontaneous on the part of the convention in recognition of the law and order sentiment of the overwhelming majority of the rank and file of the Republican party."

**The Convention Program**

The convention will be called to order at 11 o'clock to-morrow in Harmanus Bleeker Hall by Chairman the Right Rev. Richard T. Nelson, Protestant Episcopal Bishop of Albany. Elihu Root, former Secretary of State, will be temporary chairman and make the keynote speech. Colonel Lafayette B. Gleason will be the secretary of the convention. After the transaction of routine business a memorial resolution on the late Elton R. Brown will be read and the convention will adjourn until Thursday morning for the nomination of candidates and the adoption of a platform. Speaker H. Edmund Machold of the Assembly will be the permanent chairman. After the transaction of routine business a memorial resolution on the late Elton R. Brown will be read and the convention will adjourn until Thursday morning for the nomination of candidates and the adoption of a platform.

County Judge Erskine C. Rogers, of Washington County, slated for Attorney General, received many pledges of support to-day.

When it developed that the leading Republicans of the state were in favor of my nomination as Attorney General on the ticket with Governor Miller it seemed to me to be an opportunity for service in a large way that I could not forego," said Judge Rogers.

It is expected that Colonel William Hayward, of Manhattan, will place Colonel William J. Donovan in nomination for Lieutenant Governor.

Samuel S. Koenig, leader of the New York delegation, when asked about convention support for Secretary of State John J. Lyons said:

"New York has no other candidate. Mr. Lyons will have the loyal support of our delegation. I will not discuss possible support of any other man until Mr. Lyons is out of the race."

The friends of Robert Oppenheim, a Manhattan district leader, started a boom for him for Secretary Lyons's place, but it was not encouraged by Lyons. Koenig. The impression holds that if Lyons is not renominated the place will go to Joseph Levine, of the Bronx, lawyer and contractor, and the coalition candidate last year for borough president of the

## Football Field Best Training School for Albany Convention

From a Staff Correspondent

ALBANY, Sept. 26.—The Ten Eyck of this town is somewhat of a caravaner, but passage through its spacious lobbies this evening was a thing to be attempted at leisure and achieved only through unflinching effort. Delegates to a state convention should train on the gridiron. For that matter results at the Ten Eyck indicate that a large number of them do just that thing.

The chief matter of moment at this stage appears to be the final disposition of the political futures of Secretary of State Lyons and Attorney General Charles D. Newton. There is an unobtrusive stairway at the head of the main stairway at the Ten Eyck labeled Republican State Convention News Bureau, but the label is misleading, at least as far as this evening is concerned. It is behind this neat piece of camouflage that the party leaders just now are engaged in sponging Messrs. Lyons and Newton off the slate and deciding whose names shall appear in the vacant spaces which will be left after they have been erased.

To be inside that room would be an experience to be treasured. Even from the outside it has fascinations. The assembly had been in progress for a considerable time before the fact of its existence permeated to the crowded lobbies by that mysterious process of infiltration which operates in such circumstances. Posted at a table outside and some distance to one side of the star chamber, sat a conscientious gentleman whose job it was to make sure that nobody outside the sacred inner

circle was permitted to violate its privacy.

He spent an active evening. Lost and bewildered delegates from the remote spaces in the state's most distant borders edged toward the guarded portal in all innocence, seeking information about various things, and were politely shoved away. Other less innocent trespassers who arrived with ingenious excuses, were dealt with firmly. Newspaper men were sidetracked and gentlemen who tried the sometimes successful subterfuge of joshing their way past the outer guard were advised in a jesting tone which carried an undertone of intense earnestness:

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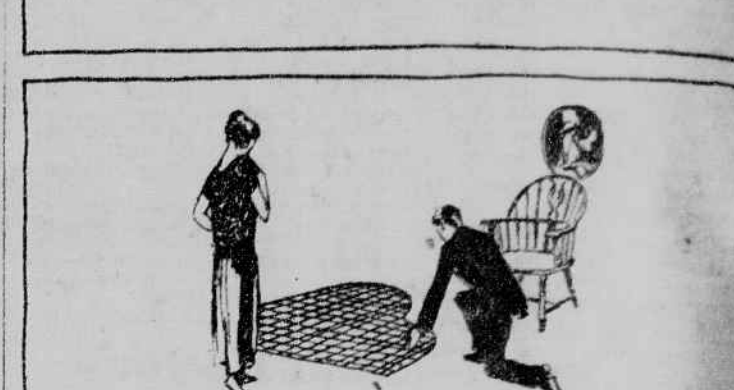
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